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Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 80 per cent of the 2006 crop, up from 64 per cent the previous week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Problems due to excess moisture increased in some areas of northern and central Saskatchewan last week. Over one-quarter of crop reporters now rate topsoil moisture as surplus on crop land.

Limited progress was made with fieldwork in many areas of the province, due to wet and/or windy weather. Crop reporters indicated there is talk of changes to seeding plans, as seeding operations were again delayed by rain.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April. Over 80 per cent of the reporters rated pastures in their area as good to excellent. The percentage of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as short or very short, decreased to 15 per cent from 33 per cent the previous week. While livestock water supplies are generally adequate across the province, localized areas in the south are reporting insufficient supplies of livestock water.

Crops are generally emerging well. There have been reports of flea beetles sightings in some areas, as well as reports of gophers damaging crops and pasture. There was also some flooding of low lying areas, and some seed was washed out as a result of water erosion. Hail was reported in a number of localized areas, but damage to crops was expected to be minimal.

Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 28/06	80
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	**80**
May 29/05	85
May 31/04	79
May 25/03	69
May 26/02	74
May 27/01	93

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Crop Report submission – June 2006

Important Saskatchewan Crop Insurance deadlines in June:

- Crop Insurance will not accept yield-loss liability for any spring crops seeded after June 20, with the exception of greenfeed. If your crop has failed to adequately establish or has suffered significant damage, contact your customer service office by June 20.
- Unseeded acreage claims (too wet to seed) must be registered by June 25.
- Seeded Acreage Reports are due June 25. Seeded acreage information is necessary to calculate your 2006 coverage and any claims. Seeded acreage forms were mailed to customers at the end of May but now may be completed online by CropConnect customers.
- The deadline to seed greenfeed is June 30. Greenfeed seeded acres must be reported to Crop Insurance by July 5.

For deadlines throughout the crop year, review your 2006 brochures or visit www.saskcropinsurance.com.

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1 Year Ago

85% of the 2005 crop was seeded.

Wet and/or windy weather limited fieldwork progress.

Many pastures had sufficient moisture, but lacked heat units for good growth.

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Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 28/06	May 29/05
1a	89	69
1b	78	80
2a	90	89
2b	87	85
3an	92	92
3ase	92	93
3asw	90	87
3bn	92	95
3bs	96	97
4a	99	98
4b	97	99
5a	69	81
5b	53	73
6a	74	85
6b	85	88
7a	88	94
7b	88	91
8a	52	77
8b	70	85
9ae	66	91
9aw	70	85
9b	79	69
Prov.	80	85

South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

Last week started off warm in the southeast and then turned cool and damp. An average of 19 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 24 mm reported in CD 2a. Over 50 mm was reported in the Tantallon and Midale areas. Rainfall amounts were variable within RMs and reporters told of amounts of 75 mm and more in their areas. Soil erosion from fast running water was reported in the Moosomin area.

Reasonable seeding progress was made this past week to bring the southeast seeding completion up to 87%. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 92% complete while CD 1b is least advanced at 78% complete. Areas that did not receive much rain have quit seeding flax as the topsoil is so dry.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week as 72% of reporters indicated that their districts had adequate moisture, compared with 64% last week. On hay and pasture land, 72% of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 56% last week.

Pasture conditions have improved in the southeast since the end of April. Over 80% of reporters rate their pastures in good to excellent condition, compared to less than 60% at the end of April. Ninety-four per cent of reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate. Water shortages are found in CD 3ase. Some pastures in the Ceylon area have no water.

Crops are generally emerging nicely and the recent rains will be beneficial for crop growth. Fall-seeded crops are looking good, though there was some drown-out in the Tantallon area. In-crop spraying is underway as the weather permits.

Flea beetles were sighted in areas across the region, but damage is minimal at this time. Gophers are still causing damage in CD 1b. Livestock producers in the Minton area lost some calves to predators.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest started off hot and dry this past week, and then mid-week the rains came, though not every area was fortunate to receive the amounts they wanted. An average of 24 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 7 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 36 mm reported in CD 3asw. Over 70 mm was reported in the Gravelbourg and Glenbain areas. As in the southeast, rainfall was variable. Hail was reported in a few areas, and did damage to alfalfa crops east of Gravelbourg. There was hail damage to buildings in the Beechy area. There was some soil erosion from flooding in CD 3asw and areas of fields will likely need to be re-seeded.

Some seeding progress brought the southwest seeding completion up to 93%. Crop District averages vary between 90 and 99% complete.

Crops are emerging better with the rain. Rain also helped the fall-seeded crops though these crops remain short and stressed in CD 4.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week. Seventy-one per cent of reporters indicated that their districts have adequate moisture, compared with 37% last week. On hay and pasture land, 55% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 24% last week.

Pasture conditions have deteriorated since the end of April when 72% of reporters rated conditions as good to excellent. At the end of May, 54% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. The recent rain will help improve pastures. Ninety-three per cent of reporters rate livestock water

availability as adequate. Ratings of inadequate come from CDs 3asw, 3bs, and 4a. Some producers are hauling water for their stock in the Swift Current area.

Flea beetles were found in the canola in the Glenbain area. Gophers are becoming very numerous in the Shaunavon area.

Farmers were spraying, cultivating, seeding grass, rolling pulse crops, and fixing fences. Reporters in the Val Marie area were complaining of a thick crust on the summerfallow.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was cold and wet during the past week. An average of 28 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 24 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 33 mm reported in CD 5a. Over 70 mm of rain was reported in the Theodore area. Pea-sized hail was reported in the Bethune area. As much as 20% of the crop has been lost to flooding in the Churchbridge area. As well, water is flowing into basements and feedlots are turning into mud holes.

The east central region averaged the highest percentage of crop seeded during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 66%. Regional reports vary between 53 and 74% complete.

Some reporters express doubt about being able to finish seeding. Some individuals have not been able to start seeding their land at all. Reporters also suggest that more feed crops could be seeded or there could be more summerfallow. In CD 6a, some acres of barley, canola, and pulses were switched to wheat. Also canola acres are being changed to shorter season canola varieties.

Crops are germinating nicely. The rain will be helpful as areas in the south part of the region were getting dry on top.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with the precipitation. Sixty-three per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture on crop land. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions also got wetter, with 38% of reporters indicating surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 60% of reporters rated conditions as good. At the end of May, 94% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. Supplies of water for livestock are adequate across the region.

Weed growth is heavy, and spraying is underway as weather and field conditions permit. Fall-seeded crops are growing well.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions were unsettled this past week. An average of 22 mm of precipitation was reported for the region, ranging from an average low of 15 mm reported in CD 6b, to an average high of 30 mm reported in CD 7b. Over 75 mm was reported north of Macklin. Some hail was reported in the Major, Wilkie, and Kerrobert areas. Rainfall amounts were variable within RMs.

Some seeding progress was made this past week to bring west central seeding completion up to 87%. Crop District reports vary between 85 and 88% complete. Reporters expect that 10 to 20% of acres may not be seeded due to the surplus moisture – this would be parts of fields rather than whole fields. Crops are emerging nicely.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated somewhat during the past week with 17% of reporters indicating that their districts have surplus moisture, up from 6% the previous week. On hay and pasture land, 86% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, down from 91% the previous week.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 86% of reporters rated their pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, 100% rate them good to excellent. Livestock water availability is adequate across the region.

Weed growth is strong. Spraying has been slow with less than ideal weather conditions. Glyphosphate was in short supply in the Rosetown area.

Fall rye is starting to head out in the Perdue area. Flea beetles were reported in the Kerrobert area.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

A warm, dry week turned cool and wet in the northeast during the past week. An average of 29 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 24 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 36 mm reported in CD 8a. Over 60 mm was reported in the Porcupine Plain area. Washouts south of Tisdale that had been filled in were washed out again. Reporters tell of one quarter that had a washout 30 feet wide and 2 feet deep.

Reasonable seeding progress was made this past week to bring the northeast seeding completion up to 63%. Crop District reports vary between 52 and 70% complete. Producers in the wettest areas are not expecting to seed all of their land this spring.

Reporters indicate that there may be more summerfallow acres than first expected.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with the rainfall. Two-thirds of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture, compared to 14% last week. On hay and pasture land, 54% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 100% last week. The balance report surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northeast since the end of April when less than 75% of reporters rated pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, all reporters give the good to excellent rating. Livestock water supplies are considered adequate across the region.

There is still some canola to combine south of Tisdale, but the land needs to dry up a lot before that can be done. There is also some combining to be done in the Paddockwood area.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest had a cool, windy week, with rain showers. An average of 30 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, ranging from an average low of 29 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 32 mm reported in CD 9aw. Over 70 mm was reported in the Debden area. Reporters indicated some variability in the rainfall amounts within RMs.

The northwest made some seeding progress during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 74%. Crop district reports vary between 70 and 79% complete. Crops are emerging and looking good.

Reporters in the Meadow Lake area indicate that there is more chemfallow than there has been in years.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week as the surplus moisture area increased in size. Twenty-four per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture, compared to 4% the previous week. Moisture conditions improved on hay and pasture land as areas short of topsoil moisture moved into the adequate category.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northwest. At the end of April, 59% of reporters rated pastures in their district in good to excellent condition, while at the end of May, that number was 97%. Livestock water supplies are adequate across the region.

Gophers are damaging crops in the Rabbit Lake area.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 27, 2006

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	45	110
	2	Mount Pleasant	17	100
	3 B	Enniskillen	8	86
	32	Reciprocity	15	57
	33 A	Moose Creek	12	75
	33 B	Moose Creek	19	85
	34	Browning	22	124
	35	Benson	19	111
	61	Antler	7	60
	63 A	Moose Mountain	22	98
	63 B	Moose Mountain	26	95
	64	Brock	18	110
	65	Tecumseh	18	95
1B	91	Maryfield	9	81
	92	Walpole	44	109
	92 B	Walpole	25	101
	93	Wawken	29	112
	95	Golden West	18	126
	121	Moosomin	4	119
	122	Martin	13	128
	123	Silverwood	25	121
	124	Kingsley	21	100
	125	Chester	5	99
	151 A	Rocanville	11	150
	151 B	Rocanville	55	197
	153	Willowdale	34	110
	154	Elcapo	28	94
	155	Wolseley	22	150
2A	36	Cymri	57	146
	66	Griffin	20	90
	67	Weyburn	9	94
	68	Brokenshell	34	106
	69	Norton	22	100
	96	Fillmore	26	109
	97	Wellington	25	92
	99	Caledonia	2	86
2B	126	Montmartre	7	76
	127	Francis	2	82
	128	Lajord	15	70
	129	Bratt's Lake	1	63
	131	Baildon	21	86
	156 A	Indian Head	11	105
	156 B	Indian Head	7	114
	157	South Qu'appelle	6	98
	158	Edenwold	30	104
	160	Pense	33	68
	161	Moose Jaw	38	149
	191	Marquis	30	104
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	6	91
	9	Surprise Valley	2	84
	38 A	Laurier	16	97
	38 B	Laurier	6	64
	39 A	The Gap	8	82
	39 B	The Gap	10	78
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	5	59
	12	Poplar Valley	8	57
	40	Bengough	26	82
	43 A	Old Post	29	80
	43 B	Old Post	48	95
	44	Waverley	50	132
	70	Key West	18	85
	71 A	Excel	46	116
	71 B	Excel	54	111
	71 C	Excel	58	167
	73 A	Stonehenge	55	128
	73 B	Stonehenge	38	121
3AN	101 A	Terrell	13	86
	101 B	Terrell	25	81
	102	Lake Johnston	19	89
	103	Sutton	76	139
	132	Hillsborough	28	101
	134	Shamrock	37	118
	164	Chaplin	42	92
	193	Eyebrow	48	110
	194	Enfield	12	56
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	9	55
	17 B	Val Marie	28	69
	45	Mankota	36	100
	46	Glen Mcpherson	9	62
	75 A	Pinto Creek	53	115
	75 B	Pinto Creek	64	124
	76 A	Auvergne	38	66
	76 B	Auvergne	33	77
	77	Wise Creek	8	40
	78 A	Grassy Creek	10	40
	78 B	Grassy Creek	10	40
	78 C	Grassy Creek	12	45
	105	Glenbain	71	147
	106	Whiska Creek	41	73
	107	Lac Pelletier	14	34
	108	Bone Creek	7	52
3BN	135	Lawtonia	43	104
	136	Coulee	32	67
	138	Webb	8	44
	166	Excelsior	26	56
	167	Sask. Landing	7	51
	225	Canaan	11	37
	226	Victory	19	66
	228 A	Lacadena	12	60
	228 B	Lacadena	27	82
	257	Monet	15	69
4A	19	Frontier	28	73
	49 B	White Valley	10	28
	51	Reno	14	40
	79	Arlington	7	22
	109	Carmichael	TR	45
	110	Piapot	NIL	44
	111 A	Maple Creek	7	32
	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	39
4B	139	Gull Lake	2	31
	141	Big Stick	6	41
	142	Enterprise	15	54
	169	Pittville	NIL	22
	231	Happyland	11	55
	232	Deer Forks	9	51
5A	152	Spy Hill	58	172
	183	Fertile Belt	19	129
	185	Mcleod	29	125
	186	Abernethy	25	116
	187	North Qu'appelle	34	110
	211	Churchbridge	70	147
	213	Saltcoats	21	90
	216	Tullymet	34	123
	217 A	Lipton	30	88
	217 B	Lipton	48	114
	241	Calder	19	91
	243	Wallace	40	123
	245 A	Garry	35	133
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	15	103
	247	Kellross	43	140
	248	Touchwood	14	71
5B	271	Cote	22	99
	273	Sliding Hills	22	73
	275 A	Insinger	61	207
	275 B	Insinger	74	157
	276	Foam Lake	24	113
	277	Emerald	13	119
	304	Buchanan	31	112
	307	Elfros	29	136
	308	Big Quill	10	82
	335	Hazel Dell	22	139
	336	Sasman	30	121
	337	Lakeview	26	126
	338	Lakeside	18	110
	366 A	Kelvington	31	73
	366 B	Kelvington	33	99
	367	Ponass Lake	33	112
6A	189	Lumsden	31	100
	190 A	Dufferin	11	58
	190 B	Dufferin	39	110
	190 C	Dufferin	25	78
	219 B	Longlaketon	29	92
	219 C	Longlaketon	11	71
	220	Mckillop	25	89
	221	Sarnia	25	88
	222	Craik	31	102
	251	Big Arm	21	65
	252	Arm River	17	64
	279 A	Mount Hope	31	75
	279 B	Mount Hope	15	81
	280	Wreford	17	74
	282	Mccraney	28	55
	309	Prairie Rose	30	119
	312	Morris	24	68
	339 A	Leroy	15	61
	339 B	Leroy	30	130
	340 A	Wolverine	20	101
	340 B	Wolverine	43	127
	341	Viscount	25	77
	343	Blucher	2	85
6B	254	Loreburn	9	51
	283	Rosedale	16	47
	284	Rudy	8	62
	285	Fertile Valley	9	70
	286	Milden	18	65
	316	Harris	16	65
	344	Corman Park	16	45
	345	Vanscoy	15	46
	346	Perdue	24	89
	376 A	Eagle Creek	11	54
	376 B	Eagle Creek	18	57
	404	Laird	24	82
7A	259	Snipe Lake	9	51
	287	St. Andrews	13	44
	292	Milton	20	79
	317 B	Marriott	20	83
	317 C	Marriott	21	63
	318 A	Mountain View	33	92
	318 B	Mountain View	26	88
	320	Oakdale	10	71
	321	Prairiedale	24	89
	322	Antelope Park	27	59
7B	347 A	Biggar	11	49
	347 B	Biggar	13	49
	350 A	Mariposa	41	80
	350 B	Mariposa	21	78
	351	Progress	36	80
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	377	Glenside	24	67
	378 A	Rosemount	15	55
	379	Reford	19	57
	380 A	Tramping Lake	37	50
	381	Grass Lake	32	78
	409	Buffalo	40	67
	410	Round Valley	43	66
	411	Senlac	78	126
8A	395	Porcupine	62	111
	397	Barrier Valley	45	117
	398	Pleasantdale	38	99
	428	Star City	32	70
	456	Arborfield	49	87
	457 A	Connaught	42	79
	458	Willow Creek	15	46
	486	Moose Range	24	51
	487	Nipawin	19	45
8B	369	St. Peter	48	131
	370	Humboldt	20	87
	371	Bayne	18	70
	373	Aberdeen	3	60
	399	Lake Lenore	25	75
	400	Three Lakes	20	58
	401	Hoodoo	16	44
	402	Fish Creek	4	66
	429 A	Flett's Springs	32	82
	429 B	Flett's Springs	27	68
	430	Invergordon	47	79
	459	Kinistino	26	62
9AE	461	Prince Albert	30	68
	488	Torch River	23	49
	520	Paddockwood	30	45
9AW	406	Mayfield	15	58
	435	Redberry	10	73
	436	Douglas	21	71
	463	Duck Lake	8	56
	464	Leask	44	100
	466	Meeting Lake	20	71
	467	Round Hill	35	67
	467 B	Round Hill	59	79
	493	Shellbrook	18	54
	494	Canwood	71	114
	496	Spiritwood	35	78
	555	Big River	45	70
9B	438 A	Battle River	38	61
	438 B	Battle River	25	56
	440	Hillsdale	15	34
	442	Manitou Lake	25	44
	468	Meota	26	56
	472	Wilton	30	79
	498 A	Parkdale	14	33
	498 B	Parkdale	10	29
	499	Mervin	58	79
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	30	62
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	32	53
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	30	82
	502	Britannia	30	79
	561	Loon Lake	38	74
	588 B	Meadow Lake	30	79
	588 C	Meadow Lake	20	59
	588 D	Meadow Lake	25	51
	622	Beaver River	43	99

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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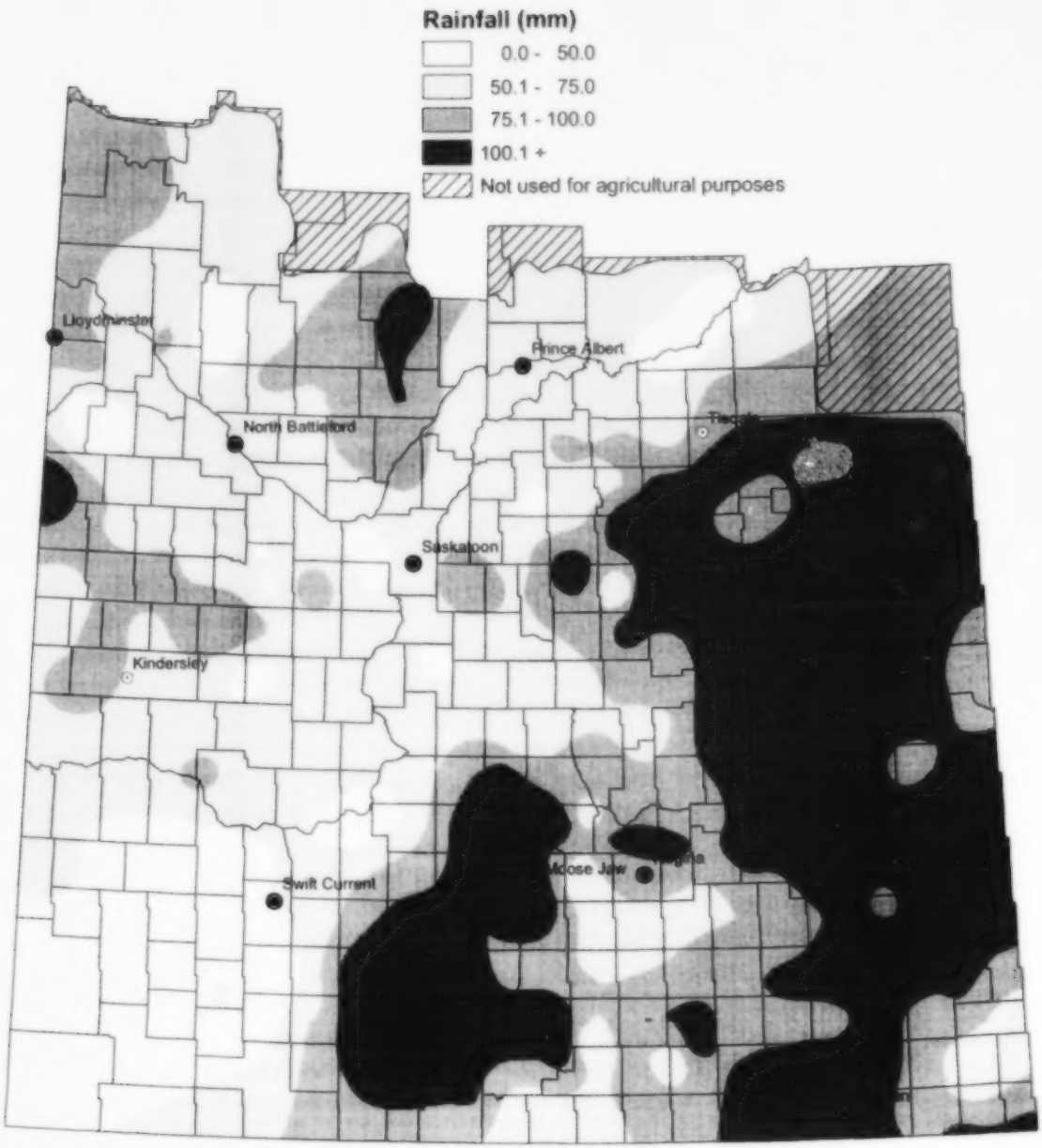

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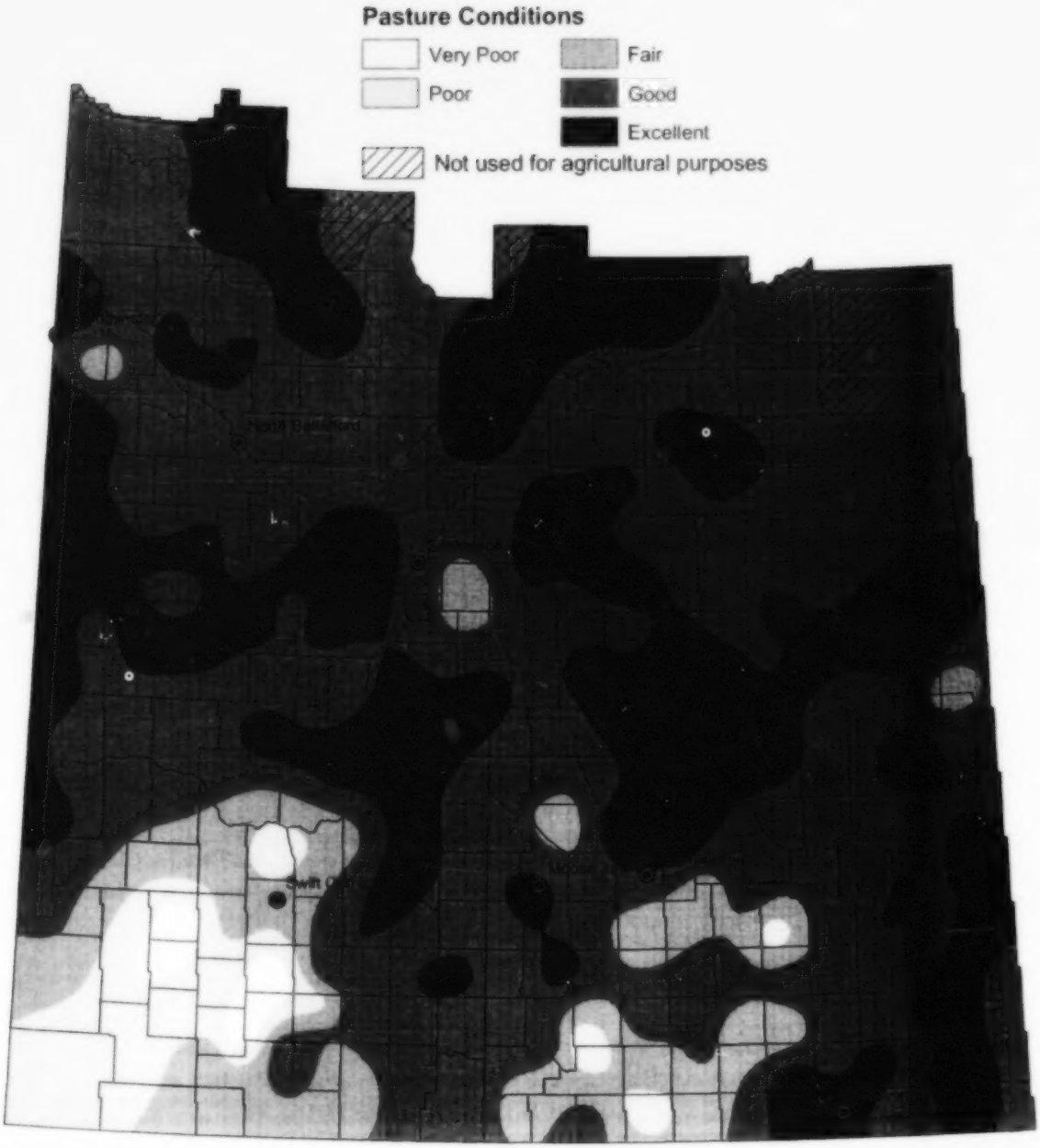

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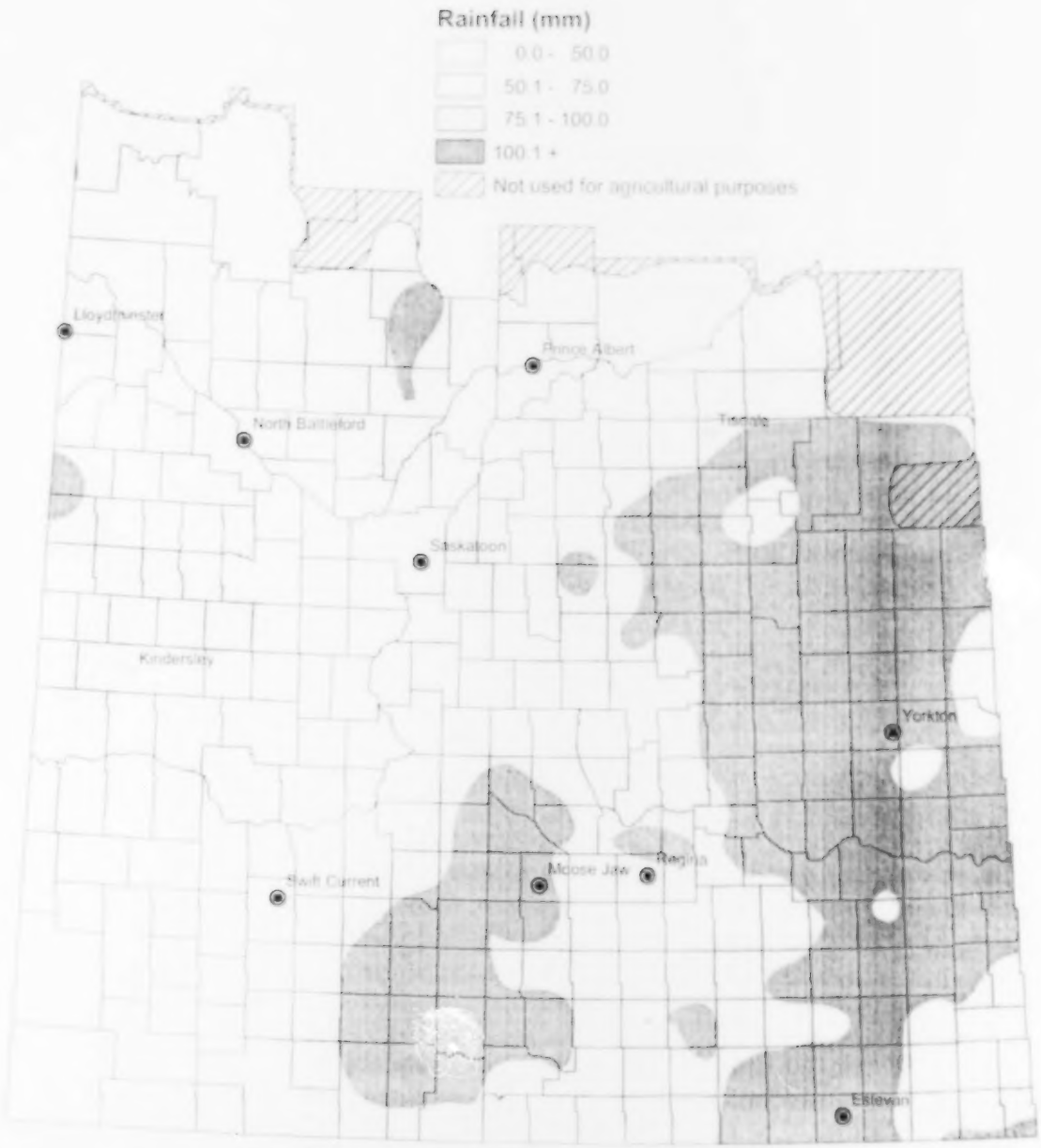

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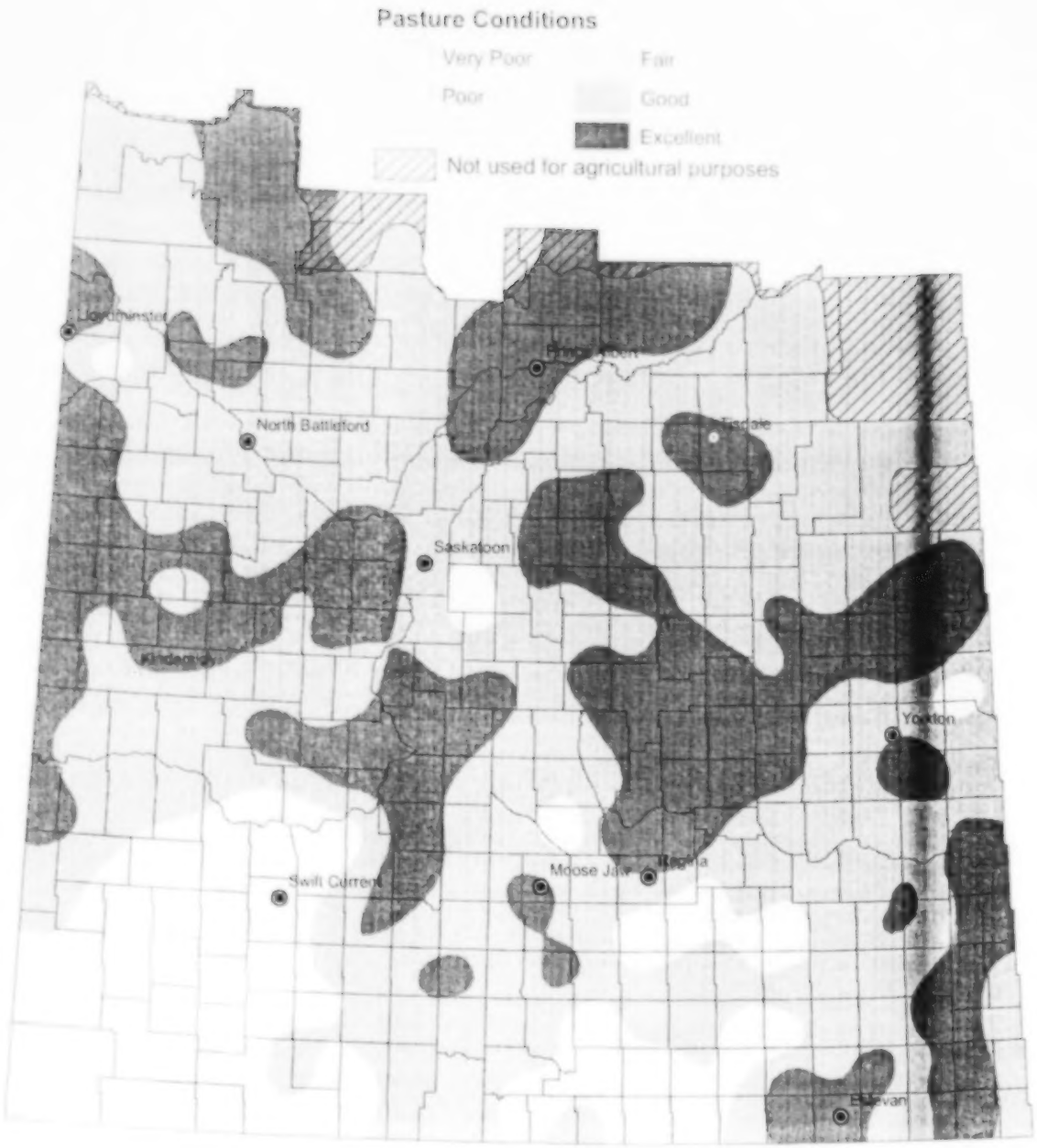

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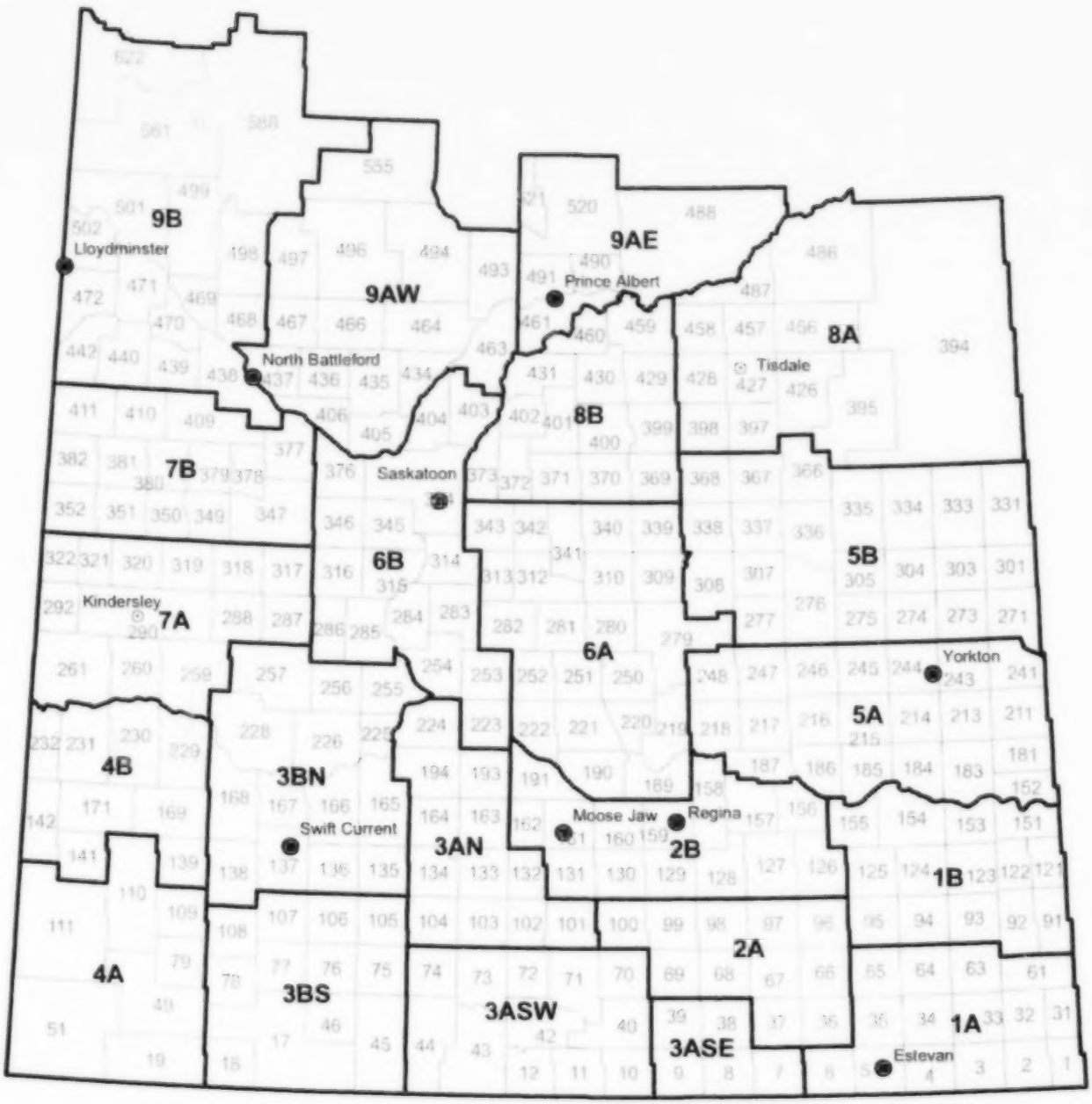

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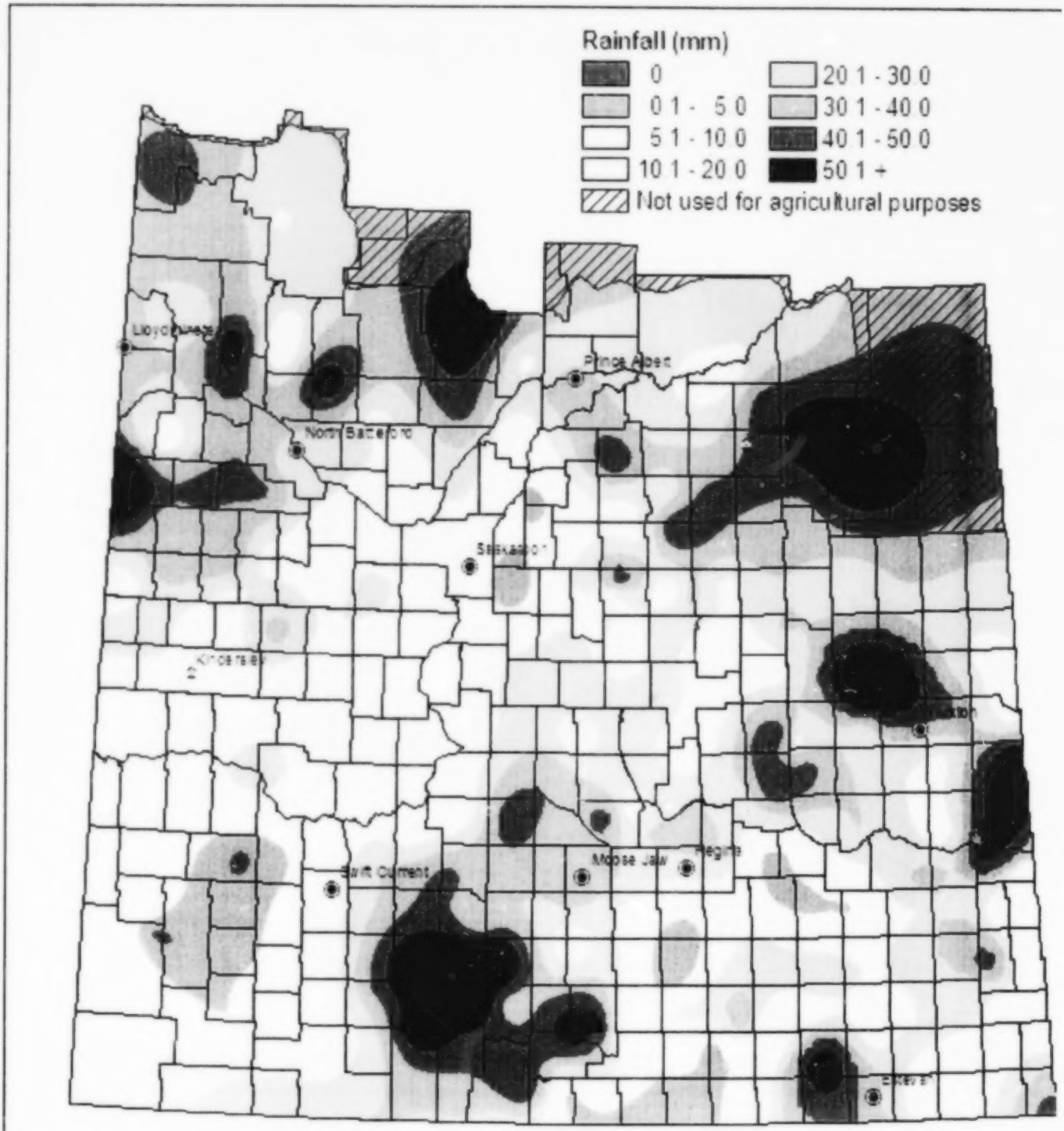

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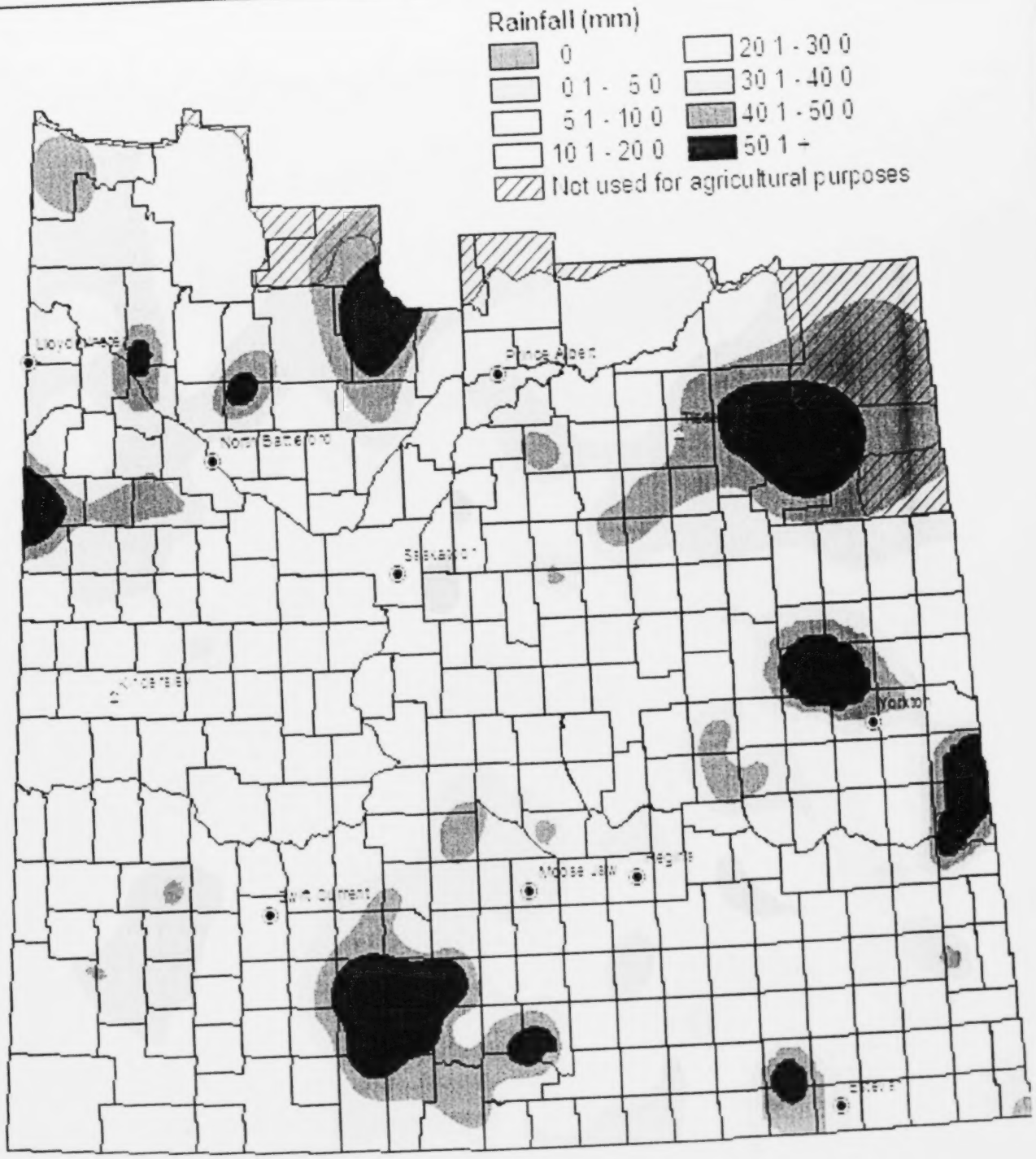

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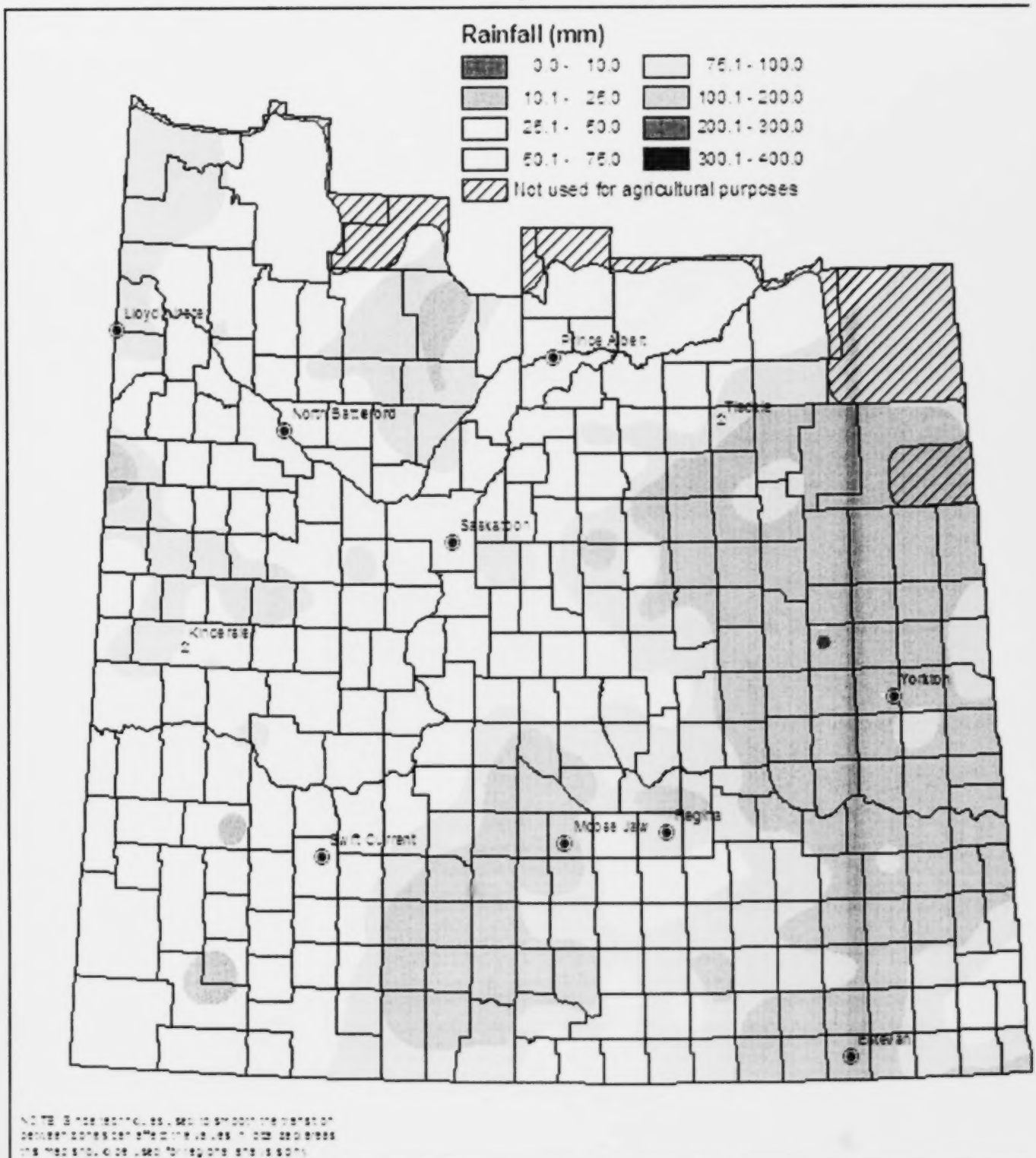

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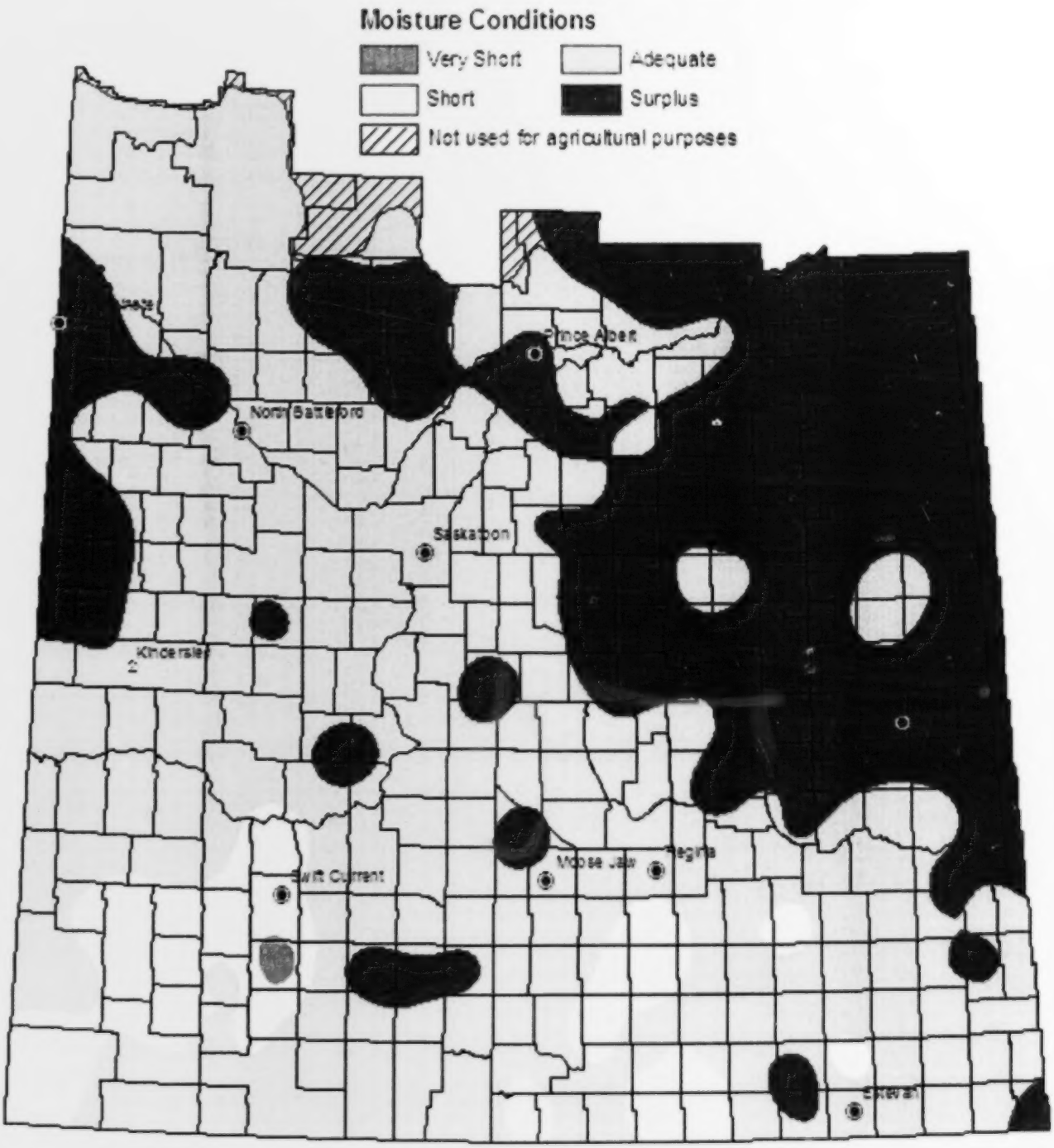

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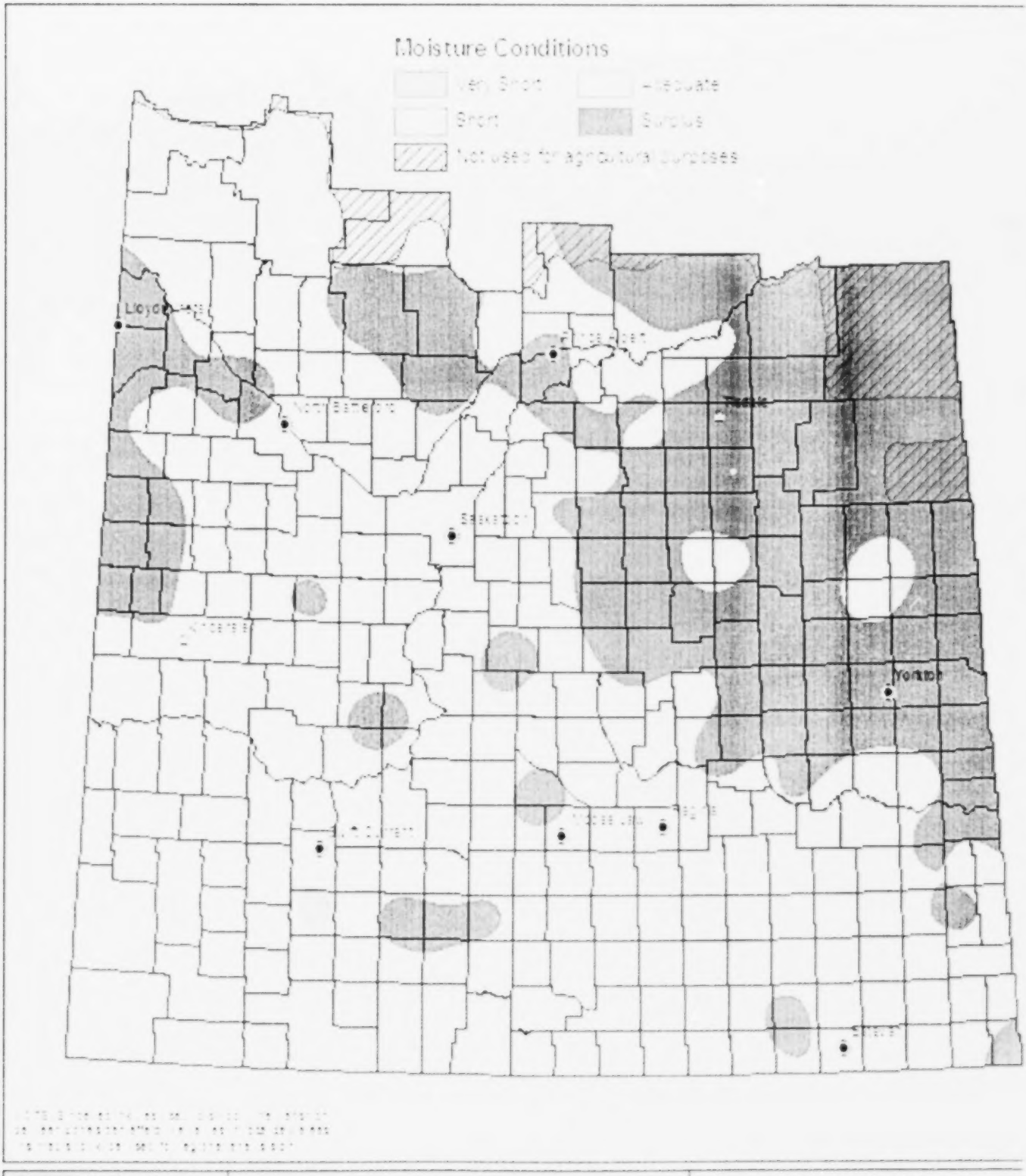

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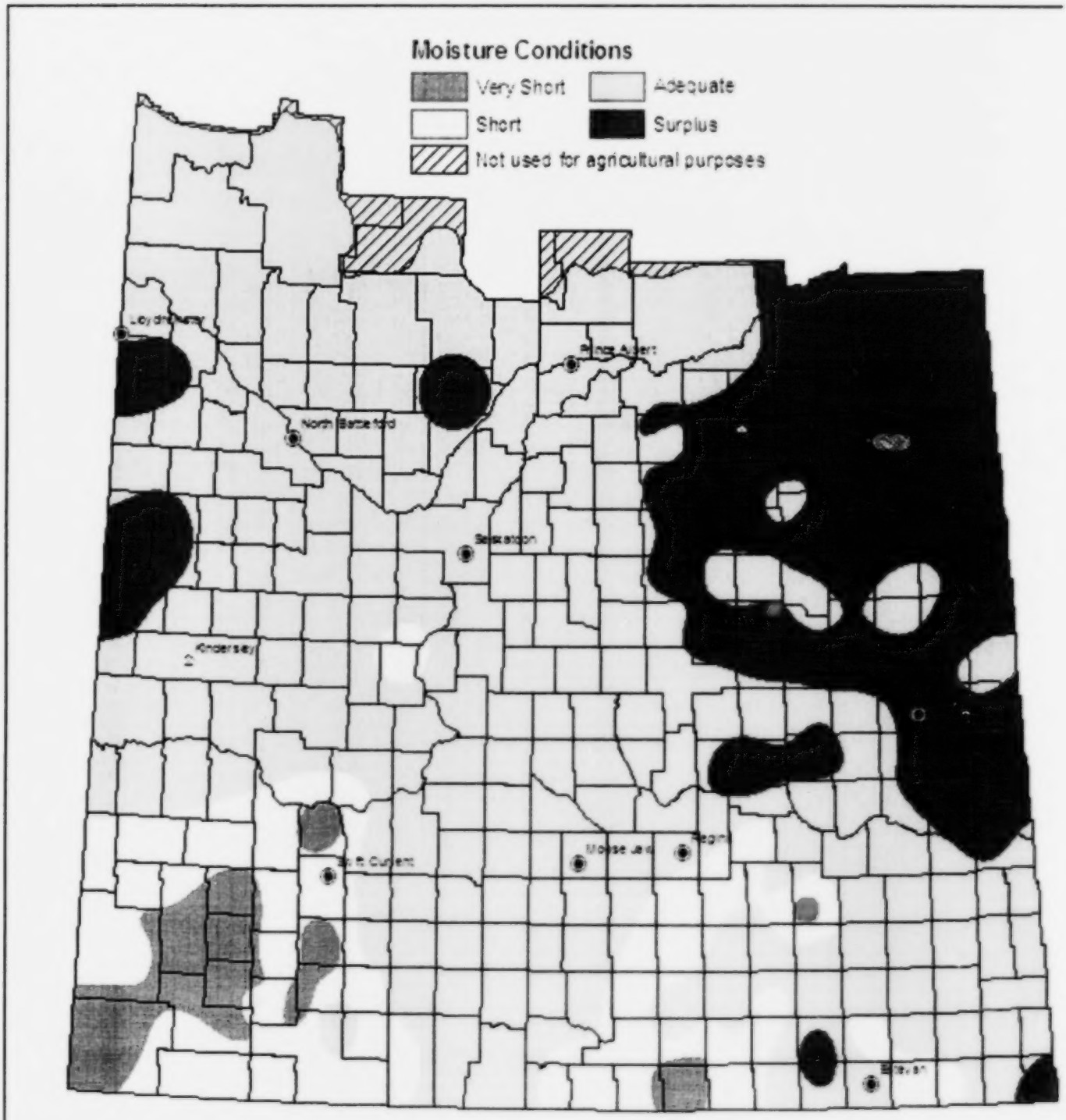

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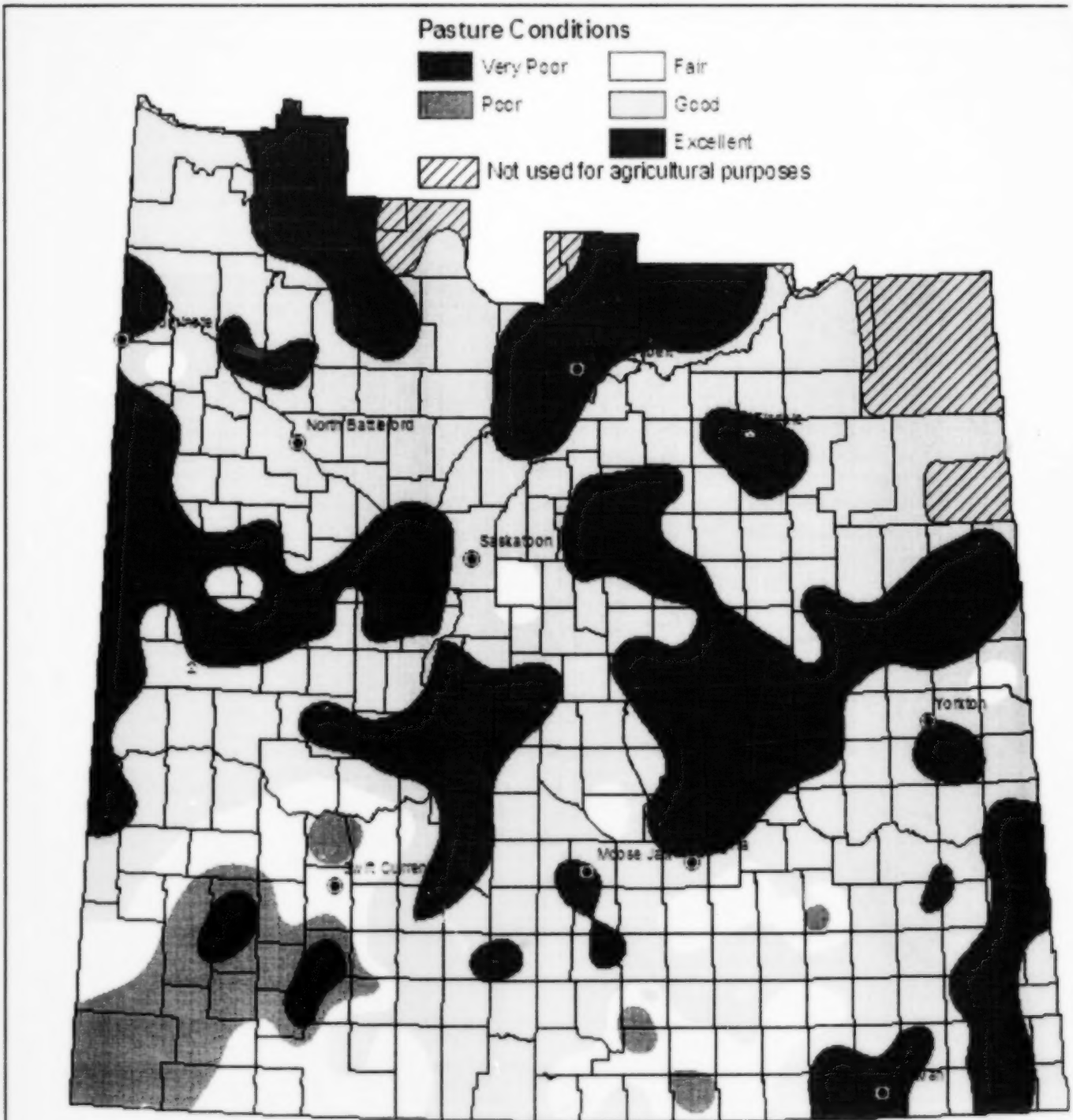

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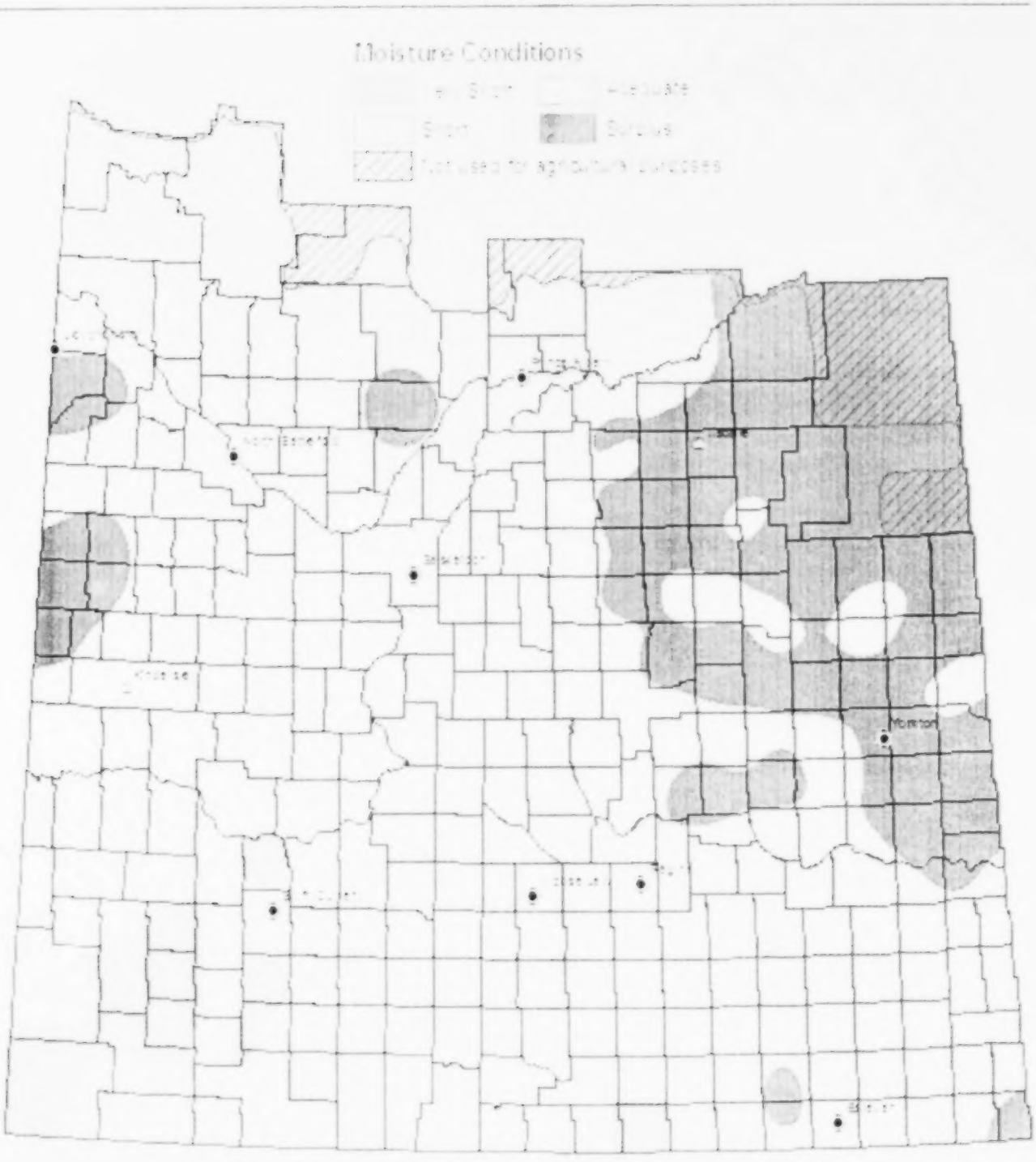

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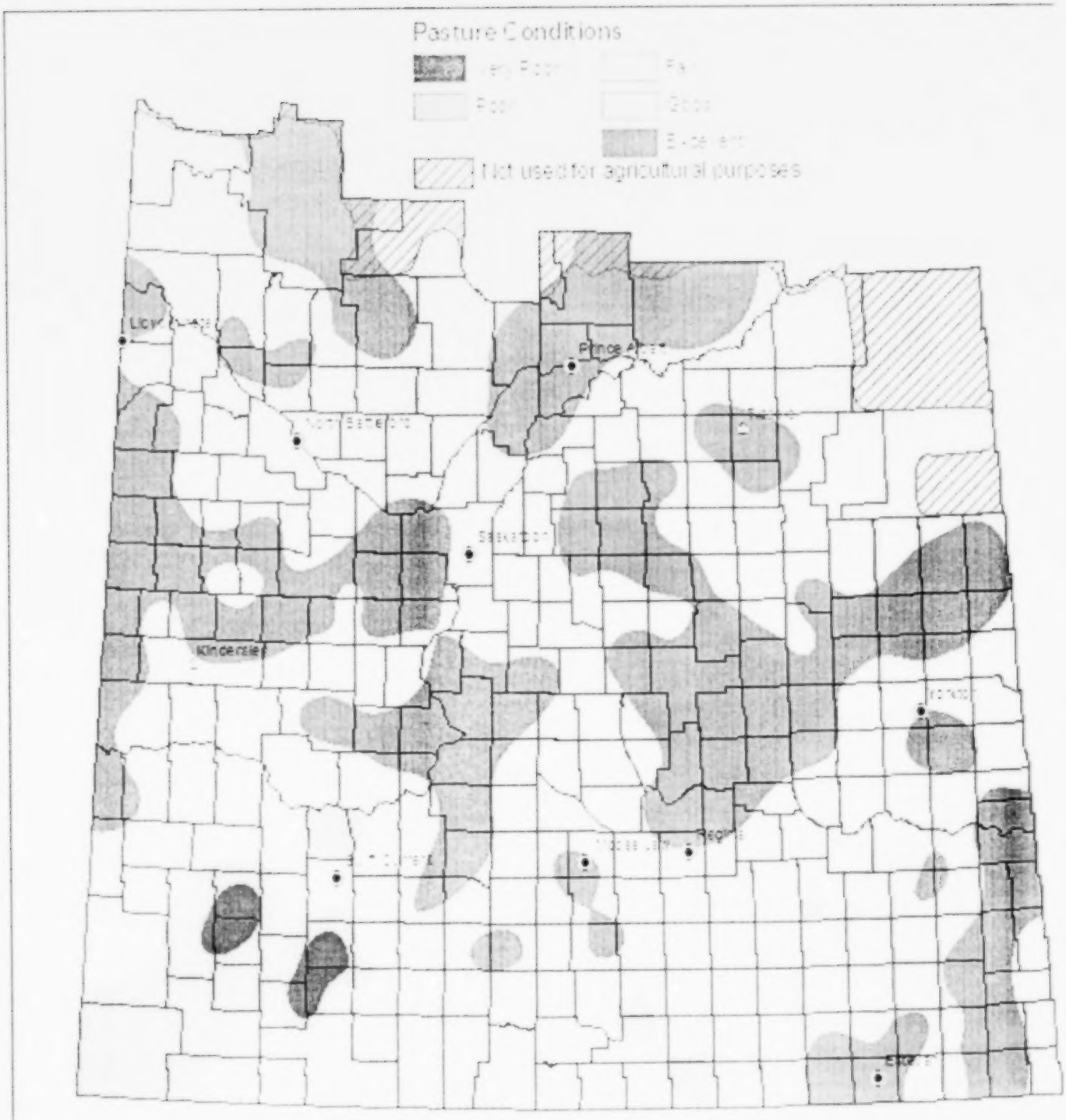

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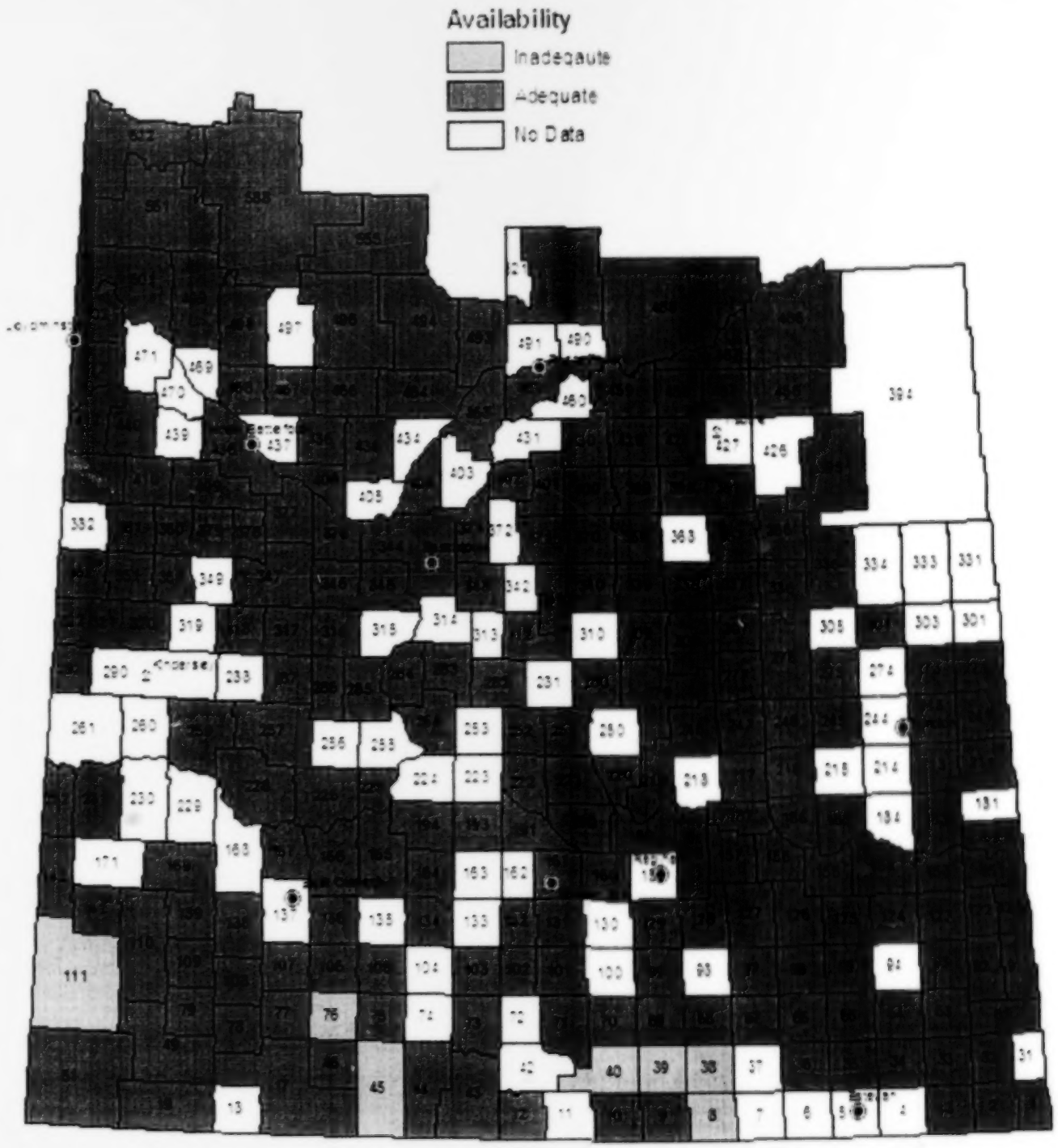

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